

Topics:

- Low-Level Waste (LLW) Seminar in Nevada

Attendees:

CAB members:	Marvin Clawson Lisa Crawford Doug Sarno Bob Tabor Gene Willeke
DOE:	Johnny Reising Gary Stegner
Fluor Daniel Fernald:	Sue Peterman Dave Rast Charles Rives Tisha Patton Don Walker
FRESH:	Sandi Butterfield
OEPA:	Kelly Kaletsky
University of Tennessee:	Walter Williams, Jr.

Results:

- Presentation for LLW Seminar in Nevada

Meeting Summary:

Tisha Patton began the meeting by giving an update of the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) Injunction and lawsuit. There is potential for WCS to appeal the court's decision to throw out the injunction. However, this is not expected because the reversal was stated so strongly.

Doug Sarno then distributed a letter from Acting Secretary of Environmental Management Owendoff, which states that DOE is not considering giving control over Fernald to the Corps of Engineers .

Dave Rast gave an overview of waste shipments to Nevada Test Site (NTS). NTS will complete a report on shipping in September. Once they have completed the report, Headquarters will need to give approval before shipping can begin. This approval will probably not be given until mid October. So shipping would not begin until mid November. Doug Sarno was concerned about the impact of the delays on the long-term shipping schedule. This impact is being evaluated as part of the FY2000 replan. Tisha then notified the group that the Nevada CAB facilitator, Earl Dixon, will be visiting Fernald on August 3rd.

The committee then began to discuss the LLW Seminar sponsored by the Nevada CAB. Gene Willeke thought it was important that the Fernald CAB tell its story at the seminar. The majority of the waste at Fernald is LLW. The committee suggested a visual representation showing all waste by volume and disposal site. This would show other CABs that the vast majority of waste at Fernald would be disposed on-site. The committee also decided to take several copies of the 1995 recommendations report so that other CABs might understand how Fernald decided to leave so much waste on-site. The committee also suggested that a copy of the Clean Site Game and letters regarding waste transportation issues be made available for other CABs. Gene would also like to see Fernald bring information on the future of NTS. The committee suggested another graphic showing the volumes of waste (per year) that is destined for the disposal cell, for NTS, and for Envirocare.

Lisa Crawford stated that the Fernald CAB needed to be aware that many groups in Nevada are against waste shipments. Doug said that solutions to waste disposal need to be solved on a national level, and Bob Tabor agreed that waste disposal decisions need to be evaluated



from a national perspective. Doug also suggested that Fernald emphasize that its CAB has worked closely with state agencies. Tisha added that the CAB should discuss the use of ex officio members to represent those agencies. The relationship Fernald has with the Nevada CAB is also important. Lisa Crawford pointed out that Fernald is also unique because the site is not located within a city.

The committee then discussed technical issues at Fernald. Gene thought it was important that the group talk about the silos as they contain the worst contamination problem at Fernald. Doug thought it was important to give a general overview of the waste at Fernald using visuals. Gene suggested that the CAB provide factsheets on many of these issues.

Tisha pointed out that other CABs are concerned about groundwater, so Fernald might want to discuss that area. Gene disagreed because this is not an inter-site issue. Doug pointed out that no other site is located over such an important aquifer.

Lisa suggested that Tom Wagner give the presentation on Fernald at the seminar. The committee then discussed the specifics of the posters. Lisa pointed out that a lot of information, such as the lawsuits, would be contained in the factsheets and would not need to be included on the posters. The group was then asked to evaluate a list of topics provided by the Nevada CAB for importance in discussion at the CAB. The committee members agreed that three main categories were important: waste, transportation, and relationships. Doug suggested that safety/risk should be added to the list of topics since it is the issue that originally drove the Fernald CAB.

